

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Foreign Operations, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

NATIONAL READING PANEL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the National Reading Panel report, focusing on scientific research-based reading instruction and its readiness for application in the classroom, after receiving testimony from Duane F. Alexander, Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Kent McGuire, Assistant Secretary of Education for Educational Research and Improvement; and Donald N. Langenberg, University System of Maryland, Adelphi, on behalf of the National Reading Panel.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings to examine certain Internal Revenue Service reform issues, focusing on paperless filing and the return-free tax filing system as it relates to the Internal Revenue Service's mandate under the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, after receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Leonard E. Burman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Treasury, both of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Bernard Daniel Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Gregory Robert Dahlberg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

DOD ANTHRAX VACCINE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine issues relating to the implementation of the Department of Defense anthrax vaccine immunization program, receiving testimony from Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director of Intelligence, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Rudy de Leon, Deputy Secretary, David R. Oliver, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and Maj. Gen. Randall L. West, USMC, Special Advisor to the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, all of the Department of Defense; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Surgeon General of the Army; and Carol R. Schuster, Associate Director, National Security Preparedness Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

SECURITIES MARKETS STRUCTURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the evolution of the equity markets and the appropriate role of policymakers in this period of rapid change, focusing on implications of technology changes and the role of policymakers, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1755, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate interstate commerce in the use of mobile telephones, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2340, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes, with amendments;

S. 1089, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, for the United States Coast Guard, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1482, to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, with an amendment;

S. 1911, to conserve Atlantic highly migratory species of fish, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1651, to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country, with amendments;

S. 2327, to establish a Commission on Ocean Policy;

S. 1407, to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1639, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, for the National Weather Service and Related Agencies, and for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1912, to facilitate the growth of electronic commerce and enable the electronic commerce market to continue its current growth rate and realize its full potential, to signal strong support of the electronic commerce market by promoting its use within Federal government agencies and small and medium-sized businesses;

S. 2046, to reauthorize the Next Generation Internet Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 442, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel LOOKING GLASS;

S. 1261, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel YANKEE;

S. 1613, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel VICTORY OF BURNHAM;

S. 1614, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel LUCKY DOG;

S. 1615, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel ENTERPRIZE;

S. 1779, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel M/V SANDPIPER;

S. 1853, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel FRITHA; and

The nominations of Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, and Norman Y. Mineta, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan

Washington Airports Authority, Carol Jones Carmody, of Louisiana, and John Goglia, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Vice Adm. Thomas H. Collins, U.S. Coast Guard, to be Vice Commandant, with the Grade of Vice Admiral, Rear Adm. Ernest R. Riutta, U.S. Coast Guard, to be Commander, Pacific Area, with the Grade of Vice Admiral, and certain promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard.

NATURAL DISASTER PROTECTION AND INSURANCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1361, to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; David L. Keating, National Taxpayers Union, Alexandria, Virginia; Franklin W. Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America, Washington, DC; Travis Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Arlington, Virginia; Jack F. Weber, Home Insurance Federation of America, Potomac Halls, Virginia; Charles T. Brown, Baker, Wellman, Brown Insurance and Financial Services, Kennett, Missouri, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents of America; and Scott A. Gilliam, Cincinnati Insurance Companies, Fairfield, Ohio.

ELECTRIC POWER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee resumed hearings on S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability, S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system, S. 1369, to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency, S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier, S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power market, S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry, S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter

into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, receiving testimony from Senator Jeffords; Representative Barton; New Hampshire State Senator Clifton Below, Concord, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Benjamin Montoya, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Albuquerque, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; Joseph E. Ronan, Jr., Calpine Corporation, San Jose, California, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association; Ron Moeller, Cargill Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the Electricity Consumers Resource Council; Gary Zimmerman, Michigan Municipal Electric Association and Michigan Public Power Agency, Lansing, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Washington, DC; and Alan J. Noguee, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hearings will resume on Thursday, April 27.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 522, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of beaches and coastal recreation water, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters;

S. 2370, to designate the Federal Building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse";

H.R. 2412, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the "E. Ross Adair Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

S. 2297, to reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act of 1984; and

The nomination of Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Convention On Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercounty Adoption, Adopted and Opened for Signature at the Conclusion of the Seventeenth Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law on May 29, 1993, with 6 declarations. (Treaty Doc. 105-51)

S. 682, to implement the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercounty Adoption, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 271, regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China, with amendments;

S. Res. 272, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should remain actively engaged in southeastern Europe to promote long-term peace, stability, and prosperity; continue to vigorously oppose the brutal regime of Slobodan Milosevic while supporting the efforts of the democratic opposition and fully implement the Stability Pact, with amendments;

S. Res. 287, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding U.S. policy toward Libya;

S. Res. 289, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in Cuba;

S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire;

S. Con. Res. 98, urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction;

H.R. 3707, to authorize funds for the site selection and construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan, with amendments; and

The nominations of Carey Cavanaugh, of Florida for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts, Christopher Robert Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Thomas G. Weston, of Michigan, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus, Donald Arthur Mahley, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Chemical and Biological Arms Control Issues, Gregory G. Govan, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Chief U.S. Delegate to the Joint Consultative Group, Gary A. Barron, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, all of the Department of State, and certain Foreign Service Officer promotion lists.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2058, to extend filing deadlines for applications for adjustment of status of certain Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Haitian nationals; and

S. 2367, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under the Act.

Also, Committee approved a resolution of issuance of subpoenas regarding the appointment of an Independent Counsel pursuant to Rule 26.

MOTHER TERESA RELIGIOUS WORKERS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings on S. 2406, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers, after receiving testimony from Archbishop Adam Cardinal Maida, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the United States Catholic Conference Committee on Migration; Rabbi Steven Weil, Oak Park, Michigan, on behalf of the Council of Orthodox Rabbis and Rabbinical Council of

America and the Orthodox Union; and Ralph W. Hardy, Jr., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Washington, DC.

PENSION ASSETS PROTECTION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues dealing with protecting pension assets in personal bankruptcy, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and on certain provisions of H.R. 833, to amend title 11 of the United States Code (Bankruptcy Reform), after receiving testimony from Leslie B. Kramerich, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; Bruce A. Markell, University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law; Virginia Tierney, American Association for Retired Persons, and James S. Ray, Connerton and Ray, on behalf of the AFL-CIO, both of Washington, DC; Scott J. Macey, Actuarial Sciences Associates, on behalf of the ERISA Industry Committee; and Ned Burmeister, Trustar Retirement Services, Wilmington, Delaware;

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 81 public bills, H.R. 4265–4345; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 307–312 and H. Res. 477–481, were introduced. **Pages H2336–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3244, to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex-trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking, amended (H. Rept. 106–487, Pt. 2);

H.R. 3646, a private bill, for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees (H. Rept. 106–580);

H.R. 3363, a private bill, for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated (H. Rept. 106–581).

H. Res. 443, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to the centennial of the raising of the United States flag in American Samoa, amended (H. Rept. 106–582);

H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States (H. Rept. 106–583);

H.R. 2932, to authorize the Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area, amended (H. Rept. 106–584);

H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service, amended (H. Rept. 106–585);

H.R. 1901, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station" (H. Rept. 106–586);

H.R. 1729, to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Pamela B. Gwin Hall" (H. Rept. 106–587);

H.R. 1571, to designate the Federal building under construction at 600 State Street in New Haven, Connecticut, as the "Merrill S. Parks, Jr., Federal Building" (H. Rept. 106–588); and

H.R. 1405, to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building" (H. Rept. 106–589).

H.R. 317, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of land in the District of